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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 and § 1.143**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 3, 2009, setting forth a requirement for restriction, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 and § 1.143, Applicants provisionally elect for prosecution on the merits in this application, with traverse, Group I (Claims 1-61), which are drawn to a method for recovering arabinose from a vegetable fiber. Applicants also provisionally elect, with traverse, the following species: the optional step of neutralization to not be performed and the optional step of fractionization to be performed (Species A); another monosaccharide to be recovered with the arabinose, wherein the monosaccharide is galactose (Species B); and exudate gum, wherein the exudate gum is gum arabic (Species C).

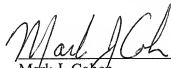
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